

WHAT TO READ, WATCH, & DO NEXT

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Essex Library is one of 200 libraries across the country selected to receive a grant through Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small & Rural Libraries, an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA). We were the only library in Connecticut to receive a grant in the first round of funding.

With the help of this grant, Essex Library will host a series of book discussions on titles that examine income inequality, concluding in June with *One Book, One Community*, a community-wide discussion event. For more information, visit:

<https://www.youressexlibrary.org/adult-services/ala-ltc-spring-book-discussions/>

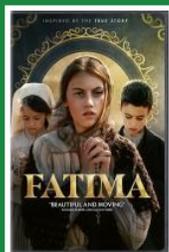
DID YOU KNOW?

Patrons expect to find books and movies at the library, but libraries can offer so much more! Essex Library is now developing our Library of Things, a collection of equipment and supplies for patrons to borrow at no cost.

For more information, including which Things we currently have available, visit <https://www.youressexlibrary.org/library-of-things/>

NEW DVD PICKS

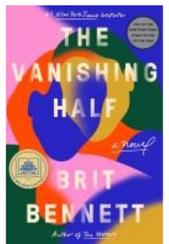
Looking for something to watch during these long, chilly months? Check out our newest DVDs! Call, email, or go online to our catalog to reserve them for Park and Pickup!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH READS

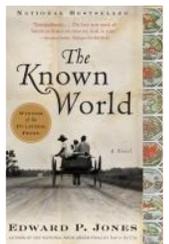
THE VANISHING HALF BY BRIT BENNETT

The Vignes twins are identical. After growing up in a small black community and running away at sixteen, their adult lives are very different. One sister lives with her black daughter in the southern town she ran from. The other passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. What will happen to the next generation when their daughters' lives intersect?



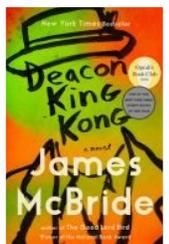
THE KNOWN WORLD BY EDWARD P. JONES

Henry Townsend, a former slave, becomes proprietor of his own plantation in antebellum Virginia. When he dies, his widow succumbs to grief, and things fall apart: slaves escape at night and families betray one another. Beyond the Townsend household, low-paid white patrollers sell free black people into slavery, and rumors of slave rebellions set white families against their slaves.



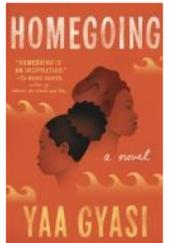
DEACON KING KONG BY JAMES MCBRIDE

In September 1969, a church deacon shuffles into the courtyard of a Brooklyn housing project, pulls a .38 from his pocket, and shoots the project's drug dealer. In *Deacon King Kong*, McBride brings to vivid life the people affected by the shooting. As the story deepens, it becomes clear that the lives of the characters--caught in the tumultuous swirl of 1960s New York--overlap in unexpected ways.



HOMEGOING BY YAA GYASI

The story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. *Homegoing* traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and three hundred years of history, each life indelibly drawn, as the legacy of slavery is fully revealed in light of the present day.



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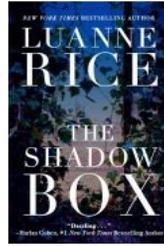
Call (860) 767-1560, visit www.youressexlibrary.org, or drop by the Essex Library at 33 West Avenue in Essex, CT.

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NEW AT THE LIBRARY

THE SHADOW BOX BY LUANNE RICE

After artist Claire Beaudry Chase is attacked and left for dead, her prime suspect is her well-connected husband, Griffin – who is running for governor. Before the attack, Claire was preparing an art exhibit of her shadow boxes, one of which accuses Griffin of a violent crime. Claire believes her husband and his powerful supporters would kill her to stop the truth from getting out. Claire must decide how much she's willing to lose to take them down.



NEW NATURALISM BY KELLY NORRIS

In *New Naturalism*, horticulturist and modern plantsman Kelly D. Norris shares his inspiring, ecologically sound vision for home gardens. Created with stylish yet naturalistic plantings that mimic the wild spaces we covet, such as meadows, prairies, woodlands, and streambanks—are far from the contrived, formal, high-maintenance plantings of the past.



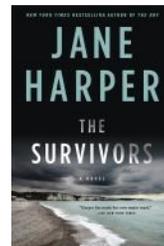
SLOUGH HOUSE BY MICK HERRON

What happens when an old spook loses his mind? This is the worry of David Cartwright, a Cold War-era operative and former head of MI5 who is sliding into dementia, and a question his grandson, River, to answer. But River, an agent at Slough House, MI5's outpost for disgraced spies, has other worries. A bomb has detonated in a busy shopping center and killed forty innocent civilians.



THE SURVIVORS BY JANE HARPER

Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal community he once called home. Kieran's parents are struggling in a town where fortunes are forged by the sea. When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Centerbrook Architects Lecture Series presents "Mayhem and Merriment: Contemporary Architecture in Afghanistan"

Friday, February 26th at 7 PM on Zoom. Registration is required.

Herat is perhaps the most beautiful of Afghanistan's ancient cities. With an almost Victorian aesthetic, the current architecture trend is less about continuity or compliment and more about abundance in all aspects of building: texture, pattern, and materials.

Zoom Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6131212121>

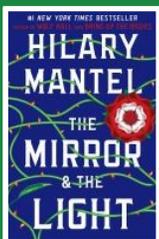
Maker Monday - Rock Candy

Monday, February 8th at 4:00 PM
Facebook and YouTube | All Ages

From engineering to crafting, each month we'll work together on Facebook to complete a maker activity or two. Projects can often be completed using items in your home, but a limited number of Maker Kits are available for pickup. Email ccarpino@essexlib.org to reserve one today.

ELA BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday
February 4th
4:00 PM



The Mirror & the Light

Historical Fiction
February 9th
10:30 AM



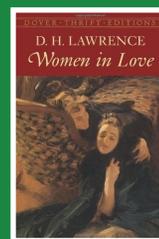
Next Year in Havana

Third Wednesday Essex Meadows
February 17th
10:30 AM



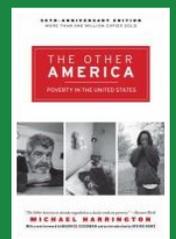
The Library Book

Classic Books Group
February 18th
5:00 PM



Women in Love

American History
March 18th
5:00 PM



The Other America



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